

Agricultural.

DEAD ANIMALS.

When a farmer, or other, person has the misfortune to lose an animal, whether horse, ox, or cow, the general practice is to strip off the skin, and drag the carcass away to some remote spot, where it is allowed to decay; and while the effluvia infects the air to the prejudice of the health of the neighborhood, the valuable properties of the carcass are allowed to run to waste. The American Farmer makes the following suggestion in regard to the disposal of such matters.

If it should be your misfortune to have a horse, a cow, or other animal to die on your hands, after skinning them haul them into your barn yard, cut up the carcass into as small pieces as you can conveniently, and form it into compost, thus spread a thick covering plaster or charcoal over the body, place four inches in depth under the parts of the animal, then cover them over with six times the weight of the animal, with peat marsh-mud, river mud of muck, mold from the woods, or any other earthy vegetable matter. Let this remain six months, when the flesh will have been separated from the bones, and the earthy compost will be fit for use, when mix ten bushels of ashes, and you will have more enough to fully fertilize an acre of land to go through a rotation of crops. All such compost, when being made, should, as a layer of earth is put on to the depth of six inches, have fine charcoal or fine plaster strewed over it.

The bones should be dissolved with dilute sulphuric acid, and mixed with ten bushels of ashes, which will be found equal to the measuring of another acre of land.

And now let us ask if this disposition of a dead horse, cow, or ox into twenty bushels of wheat, thirty bushels of barley, twenty bushels of rye, or forty bushels of oat, is not better than to fill the air with the intolerable stench of the animal while undergoing decomposition in the ordinary way in which dead animals are disposed of. Economy, your pecuniary interests, health, comfort and cleanliness answer, yes.

The Corn Crop.

The Corn crop is now rapidly approaching maturity, and we shall feel under obligations to our friends in the interior, if they will advise us, briefly, of the condition of the crop, as regards the quantity of the grain, and the probable yield, as compared with last year's product.

We think it is now apparent, that farmers lost much in consequence of having become disengaged too early, by the unfavorable weather experienced in May and June. Those who gave in to despair, from having their grounds over-flooded, or washed, will generally have but little corn to gather, while others, who persevered—planting and re-planting, and working half-days or hours at a time, as the weather permitted, have been rewarded with fair crops.

A gentleman who has a large farm in the Big Miami Valley, remarked to us last June that his crop would unquestionably fail. He thought so at the time. The condition of the ground and the weather combined to discourage him. But he persevered. He planted much of his corn five times, and all of it came up very late. He worked industriously, with all the energy he could command. And what is the result? He exhibited us yesterday as fine a sample of corn as we ever saw, and we were gratified to learn that his crop will prove a very fair average as to quantity, and the quality will be superior to last year's yield. It has so far matured that there is no danger from frost. We saw another sample of corn grown in this vicinity, from seed obtained from Canada. It was planted between the 1st and 5th of July, from which time it progressed rapidly, and is now almost fully matured. The grain is large and well filled, and the yield will probably reach two thirds of a full average. This is of the eight rowed variety. The product is much superior to the seed. This is owing to the difference of climate. We have similar reports from other sections, all which show that the crop is much better than was anticipated; and that a more favorable result would have been realized, if farmers had not set so soon and so generally given up in despair. Those who are engaged in the business of agriculture, should profit largely by the experience of the past season. If the opportunities that have been lost will stimulate increased energy in the future, the lesson that has been purchased at a pretty high rate, may not, after all, prove very dear.

And now let us have from farmers their experience with regard to this matter, so that the aggregate result may be summed up for the general good.

PLANTING WHEAT.

We are likely to have another year of comparatively high prices for Wheat; and also for Oats, Potatoes, Barley, Rye and Corn. This should stimulate farmers to plant Wheat extensively and well. There should be no indifferent farming in this respect, and every foot of ground that can be spared and made ready should be occupied.

No day or hour is to be lost. Great care should be taken in selecting seed, so as to secure the purest and best that is to be found. Let the foundations be laid for a large crop of this important grain. By next harvest the country will be almost entirely bare of stocks, so that it will require a very large yield in 1859 to supply the wants of the country for another year.

At the Democratic Congressional convention at Upper Sandusky on Saturday, Anti-Slavery-Lecompton Hall was nominated for re-election to Congress. He is one of the Cox stripe, and deserved Douglas just when the fight was cut and thrust.—*Plymouth Advertiser.*

"If we had despised the Union, and had engaged in a brush with some people, (which must occur in testing up for ourselves and lawfully establishing our institutions,) it would have been best for us; but now if we can rule in the Union, let us remain"—Senator Hammond, of South Carolina.

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